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The Honorable Naomi R. Buchwald  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: *Leslie v. City of New York*  
22 cv 02305

Your Honor:

Defendants are submitting herewith, a proposed court order that would provide authorization for employees of the New York City Police Department, the New York City Law Department and the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to access records that are sealed pursuant to state law (New York Criminal Procedure Law § 160.50) for the purpose of obtaining information that Plaintiff has requested in discovery. The information will be provided to Plaintiff's counsel without identifying information as to individuals. Plaintiff's counsel has reviewed this proposed order, has made proposed edits, which have been accepted, and has authorized me to inform Your Honor that they do not object to this proposed order.

Thank you for this consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Marilyn Richter  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SHAKIRA LESLIE; on behalf of herself and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

**PROPOSED COURT  
ORDER  
22-CV-02305**

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK; EDWARD CABAN, Police  
Commissioner for the City of New York, in his official  
capacity; JEFFREY MADDREY, Chief of Department for  
the New York City Police Department, in his official  
capacity; JAMES ESSIG, Chief of Detectives for the New  
York City Police Department, in his official capacity;  
BRIAN MCGEE, Deputy Chief in the Forensic  
Investigations Division of the New York City Police  
Department, in his official capacity; and DR. JASON  
GRAHAM, Chief Medical Examiner for the City of New  
York, in his official capacity,

Defendants.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Criminal Procedure Law § 160.50(1)(c), upon termination of a criminal action or proceeding in favor of the accused, "...all official records and papers...relating to the arrest or prosecution...shall be sealed and will not made available to any person or public or private agency;" and;

WHEREAS, New York Criminal Procedure Law § 160.50 is not binding upon the federal courts, *see, e.g., Woodard v. City of New York*, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5231 at \* 8-9, No. 99 CV 1123 (ILG) (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 10, 2000), and;

WHEREAS, as part of the discovery in this case, Defendants have agreed to produce data and information regarding their practices that can only be obtained from access to sealed records and;

WHEREAS, the data and information that will be produced to Plaintiff will not identify the individuals whose records have been sealed;

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that employees of the New York City Police Department, the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, and the New York City Law Department may access sealed records solely for the purpose of obtaining and producing non-identifiable data and information in discovery.

SO ORDERED.

  
NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

January 5, 2024  
Date